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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Classification of CIA Employees

1. In the course of a conversation with Mr. Fisher, General Counsel for the Comptroller General, on 25 July 1949, I mentioned that sometimes the Civil Service Commission had found difficulty in classifying certain of our positions where we were unable, for security reasons, to give full information concerning the nature and duties of the job involved. I made it clear that there was no disagreement between ourselves and the Commission as they acknowledged that some of the information must be withheld, and that we realized it made their job more difficult.

2. I said that recently the classification people in the Commission had expressed the opinion that it might be well to relieve them of the responsibility for reviewing and approving the classification of our positions. I said that the Commission, as a whole, was not in agreement on this point and that we did not take a strong stand in either direction, but that if they wished to be relieved of the responsibility, we would be willing to accede to their request if it were legally permissible. Mr. Fisher said that as far as he could see, there would be no difficulty from the point of view of GAO, so long as we kept in the ceiling set by the Classification Act.

3. I said it was our intent to abide by the Classification Act just as if the Commission were still controlling; the only difference is that the matter of classification would be handled internally. Mr. Fisher stated this seemed quite all right to him, and did not seem to think that we had to depend too heavily [REDACTED]

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